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March 19, 2001

Ref: 2234-20306

Mr. John Aldridge  
Director, Engineering Division  
Office of Conservation  
Post Office Box 94275  
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Re: Bol Mex 3 Zone, Reservoir A  
**EAST LAKE ARTHUR FIELD**  
Acadia & Jefferson Davis Parishes, Louisiana  
Applicant: The Meridian Resource & Exploration  
Company

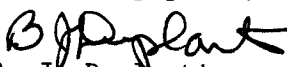
Dear Mr. Aldridge:

Attached to this letter is a plat which shows the location of The Meridian Resource & Exploration Company-Hughes No. 1 Well, which was recently drilled. Also shown on the plat are leases which will expire on May 19, 2001.

We have finalized the geology relative to the subject sand and a portion of the expiring lease will be included in our proposal to redefine the Bol Mex 3 Zone, Reservoir A. We respectfully request waiver of the pre-application notice required in Rule 3 of the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation in connection with this matter.

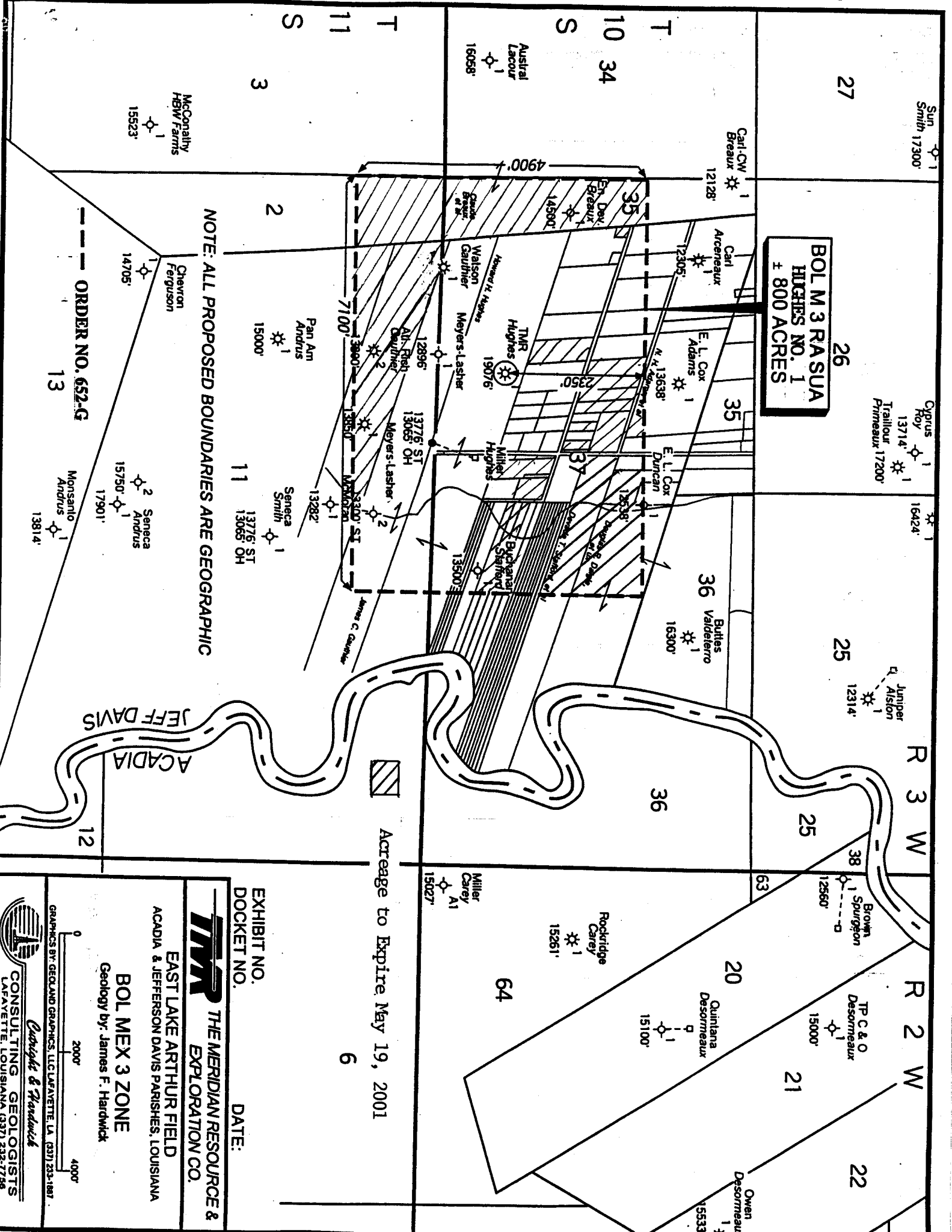
Please be assured that, if a waiver of the pre-application notice requirement is granted, we will fully comply with Rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation.

Very truly yours,

  
B. J. Duplantis

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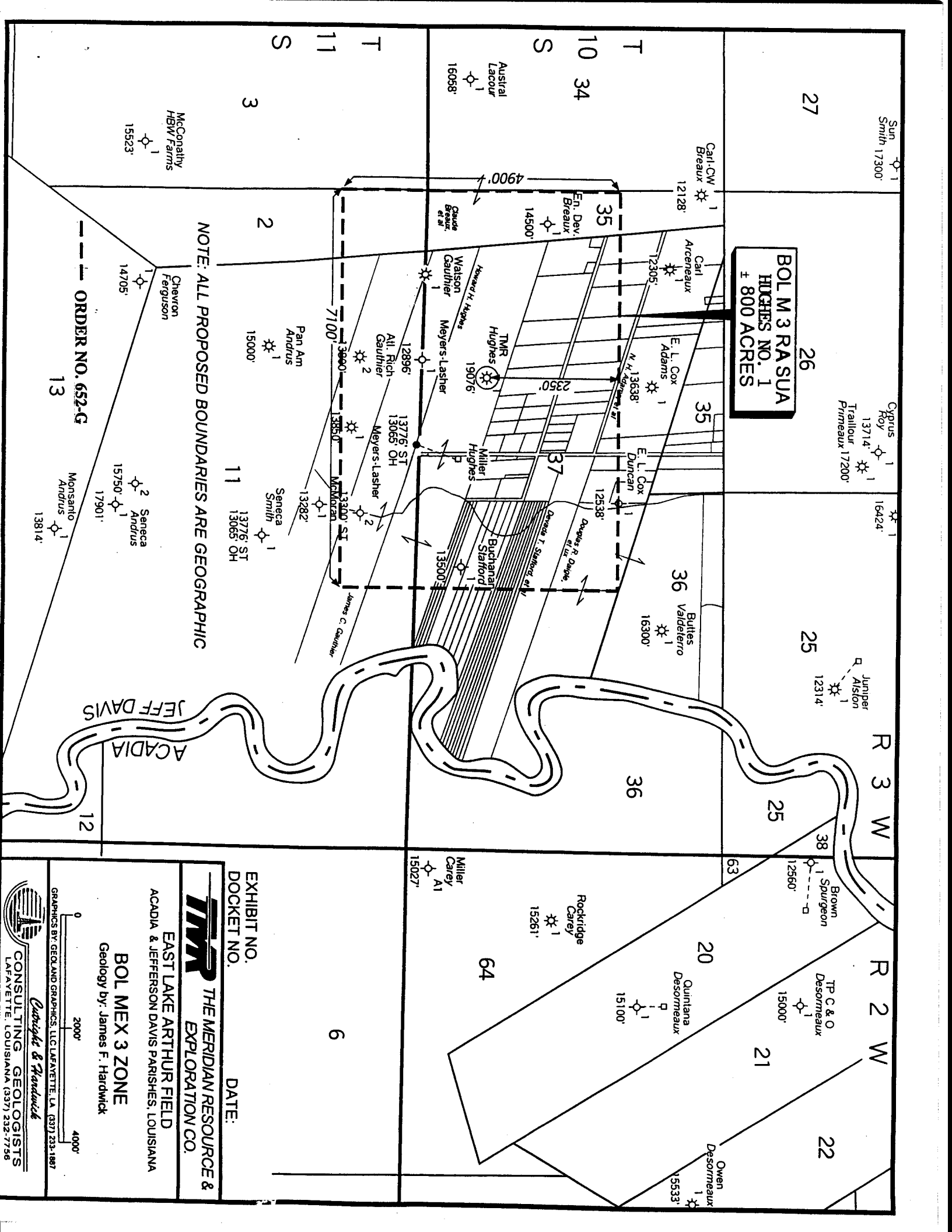
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Honorable Philip N. Asprodites  
Commissioner of Conservation  
Post Office Box 94275  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: Hearing Application  
Bol Mex 3 Zone, Reservoir A  
**EAST LAKE ARTHUR FIELD**  
Acadia & Jefferson Davis Parishes, Louisiana  
Applicant: The Meridian Resource &  
Exploration Company

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, application is hereby made on behalf of **The Meridian Resource & Exploration Company** for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Bol Mex 3 Zone, Reservoir A, Acadia and Jefferson Davis Parishes, Louisiana.

1. To redefine the Bol Mex 3 Zone, previously defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 652-G, effective December 5, 2000;
2. Except as may be in conflict with the provisions hereof, the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 652-G, effective December 5, 2000, shall remain in full force and effect.
3. To consider such other matters relating to the subject reservoir as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the public hearing.

The Bol Mex 3 Zone, in East Lake Arthur Field was previously defined by Office of Conservation Order No. 652-G, effective December 5, 2000 and is hereby redefined as being that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the

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measured depths of 15,500 feet and 18,710 feet in The Meridian Resource & Exploration Company-Hughes No. 1 Well, located in Section 37, Township 10 South, Range 3 West, Jefferson Davis Parish.

The Commissioner of Conservation has waived the twenty (20) day pre-application notice requirement provided for in Rule 3 of the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation and that rule is not applicable to this hearing application.

A conference to discuss this application WILL BE HELD at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 29, 2001, in the offices of Gordon, Arata, McCollam, Duplantis & Eagan, LLP, 625 E. Kaliste Saloom Rd., Suite 301, Lafayette, Louisiana 70508.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the Bol M 3 RA SUA, East Lake Arthur Field, Acadia and Jefferson Davis Parishes, Louisiana, and a list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties to whom this notice is being sent. It is hereby certified that a reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties. A copy of the list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties is not being mailed to those parties along with this hearing application. Should any such party desire a copy of this list, however, we will be glad to provide one upon request.

Upon receipt of the legal notice in the captioned matter, the notice will be posted, published and mailed in accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure.

Finally, there is enclosed herewith our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$700.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

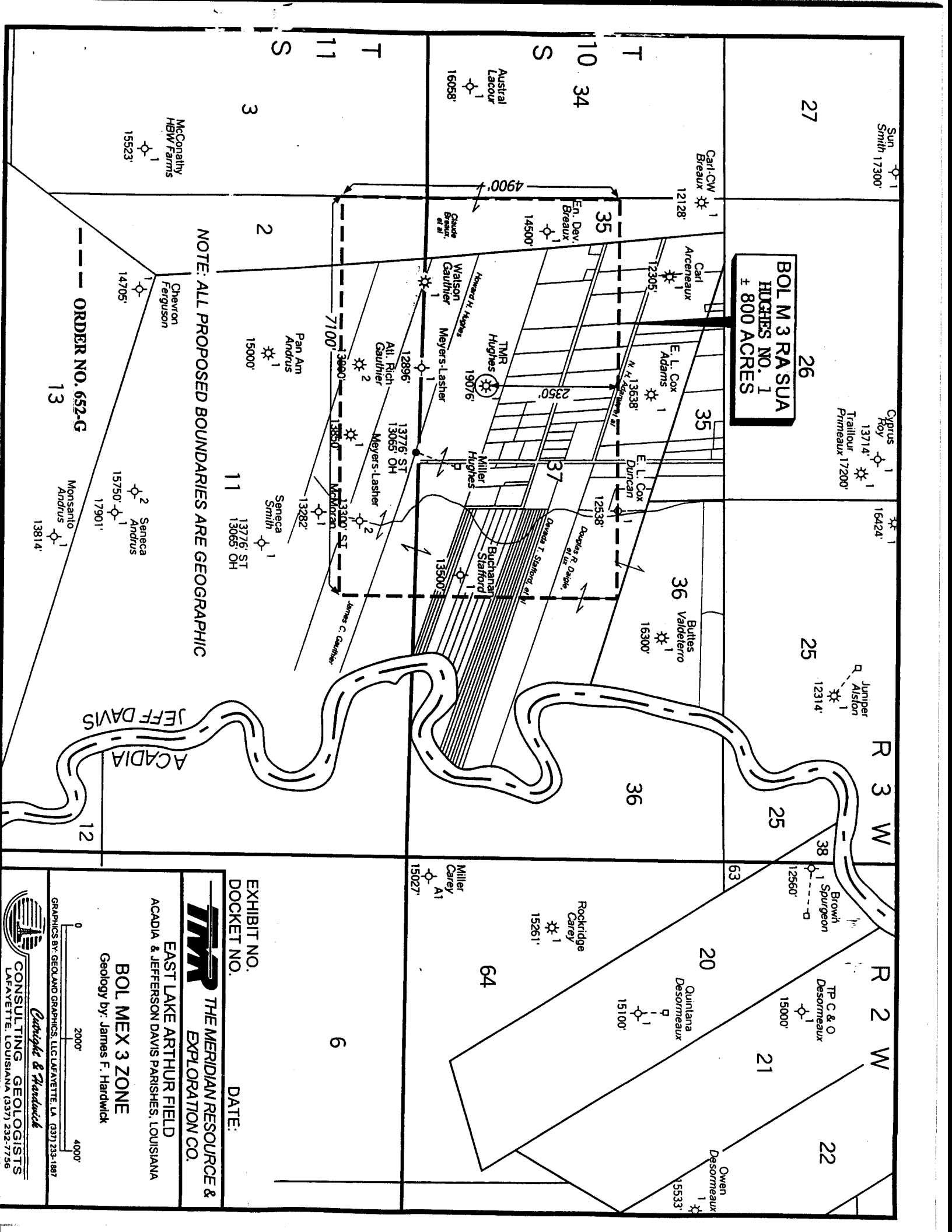
  
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Attachments

cc: Mr. Richard D. Hudson  
District Manager  
Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners,  
Represented Parties and  
Interested Parties



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